

St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

20th August 2023



PARISH CENTRE

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Support us' page

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

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Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Macrina Martin

School Principals

St. Kevin of Glendalough:

Jason Micallef – 9709 8600

St. Francis De Sales:

Christine White – 8773 6700

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday

Saturday – 9:15am

Every Wednesday – 7:00pm Mass

followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:

Saturday: 05:00pm & 07:00pm

Sunday: 09:00am, 11:00am & 06:00pm

Priest Available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before all Masses and on Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and last Sunday of the month. Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first **Thursday of the month at 7:15pm** in the Church and must bring a copy of their **own baptism certificate**.

News From Fr. Fabian

Faith Formation Sessions for youth aged 11 - 17

The **AHFI** (Alliance of the Holy Family International) missionary brothers will be commencing the first of 12 Faith Formation Sessions beginning Saturday 26th August from **6:00 - 7:30pm at St Kevin's Hall**. Parents need to complete enrolment forms for their children to participate in these sessions.

Safeguarding Core Group Report

Two weeks ago, the Core Group members of the Safeguarding Committee met for the first time and have begun to work on risk assessments for the ministries in which our children and young people are involved. The Safeguarding Core Group members are Danielle D'Souza, Howard Fernandez, Sunita D'Mello and Macrina Martin. The Safeguarding Core Group will work with the Safeguarding Committee to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in the parish.

The existing Safeguarding Committee members are Courtney Thursfield, Jackie Blanche, and Eric Moore. The Parish wishes to expand the existing Safeguarding Committee to include representatives from each ministry. To express your interest in being part of the Safeguarding Committee, please send an email to safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

Stay tuned for more updates on what we're doing to strengthen our efforts as a Parish in relation to child safety.

Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held from the month of October. Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So please accept this as a personal invitation.

No one is born Catholic. An *unbaptized* person or a person *baptized in a Christian church*, may wish to explore becoming a Catholic. This year, beginning in October, a group of adults gather to begin that process. They meet regularly with a team made up of Priests and Parishioners. The group (known as the Catechumenate) moves in stages or steps toward Lent and the Easter Vigil when *Baptism* is celebrated for the unbaptized and the person *baptized in a Christian church*, *is welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church*.

The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a **process** through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as **catechumens**. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism.

For more information Please contact me on 9799 2108 or via the parish email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTERS

26th and 27th August.

READERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Candice, Marlene, Bernadette

Saturday 07:00pm

Ryan, Kimberley, Paulita

Sunday 09:00am

Florence, Maria, Emeli

Sunday 11:00am

Pam G, Pam D, Cassie

Sunday 06:00pm Sunday

Ryan, Danielle, Rohan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Henrico, Nancy, Shayana, Tessy

Saturday 07:00pm

Priya, Salome, Sunita

Sunday 09:00am

Aloysius, Anita, Cloe, Florence

Sunday 11:00am

Judy, Mary, Philomena, Sherine

Sunday 06:00pm

Annabelle, George, Sumith

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5:

Tyrone F, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato T

COUNTERS

Team 5:

Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard,
Jennifer, Cheryl



Heavenly Father, I thank you for everything You have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts, enable me to use them to do Your will. Please help me realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others, help me to be generous, patient and for-giving. Amen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 2319.70

Unpledged: \$ 2200.50

Presbytery: \$ 2270



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. We have received \$676.00 from last Sunday's collection.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au.

You can continue to donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 21st August: St. Pius X

Tuesday, 22nd August: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 23rd August: St. Rose of Lima

Thursday, 24th August: St. Bartholomew

St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for their support in providing generous contributions for the above appeal.

We received a total contribution of \$3,400.00. These funds will be used to buy food vouchers to be distributed to the needy families. We would also like to thank the Students and Teachers of St Kevin's Hampton Park and St Francis De Sales Lynbrook for providing food for the above appeal.

These food items will be donated to the needy families during our visits to them.

Thank You,

Members of St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park

Ongoing Printing Costs

The Parish Office is reviewing the ongoing printing cost that is incurred every Quarter. At present the cost of printing four pages of the Bulletin (23,000 pages averaged for the quarter) in colour costs \$1,570.00. The cost of printing the same number of papers in Black and White would cost \$156.00.

This is a significant saving of funds. This would mean that the weekly Bulletin would be in Black and White from September. As and when needed, we will print in colour. I am eager to get your feedback on this matter. Please use the suggestion box in the foyer.

Mass Intentions:

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass Intentions is Thursday 1:00pm.**
Please call 03 97992108

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Cassandra Large
Alex D'Souza
Aaron Peters
Leslie, Lorraine, and Liam Lopez
Philip, Sandra, and Nathan D'Souza

Ava Scharenguivel
Francis family
Amy Vincent
Andrea Karunakaran
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Olivia D'Souza
William Henricus

Elena
Saldanha Family
Stephen Vaz

For those who are sick:

Rita Vincent
Rosalind De Rozario

For those who have died recently:

Decima Jansz
Amoni Malaeulu
Floryse Maingard
Maud Joson

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Philomena Paris
Joseph Malowney
Maria D'Costa
Petty Gonsalvez
Terrence Corbett
George and Mallika Fernando
Maria Bastian
Anthony Joseph Bastian
Cheryl Taylor
Eric De Silva
Desmond Joseph Hookens
Maria Gloria Pastorpile
Celine Martinz
Hugh Joseph
Avis Hooper
Percival D'Gama

Privacy legislation requires the written permission of an authorised person before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four-week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again on the basis of written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Maintenance of cleanliness in Church

Over the last few weeks, the cleaning team have had to clean chewing gum from seats and the carpet. The Church is God's house, let us endeavour to maintain its cleanliness. Please keep the church and its surroundings clean.

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL **LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO Joy in Our Lives**

DATE: 6th Sept 2023

VENUE: St John's Regional College,

Graduate's Restaurant

Caroline Street, Dandenong

COST: \$45 per head

3 course meal Wine & Beer.

Guest Speaker TBA

To Book: Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 / email dandenongdeanery@live.com.au.

RSVP by 1st September 2023 New start time: 5.30pm for 5.45pm start

St John's
REGIONAL COLLEGE

DISCOVER YOUR CHILD'S PATHWAY

OPEN MORNING
Saturday 2 September 2023 10am

Come along and discover the opportunities and pathways to unlock your child's potential. Join us for a College tour. Discover what St John's has to offer and find out about the new 2025 Academic Scholarship Program.

Register today at www.sjrc.vic.edu.au or scan the QR Code

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Prayer before reading the Word of God

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen

1st Reading – Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Res: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.
R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading – Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.